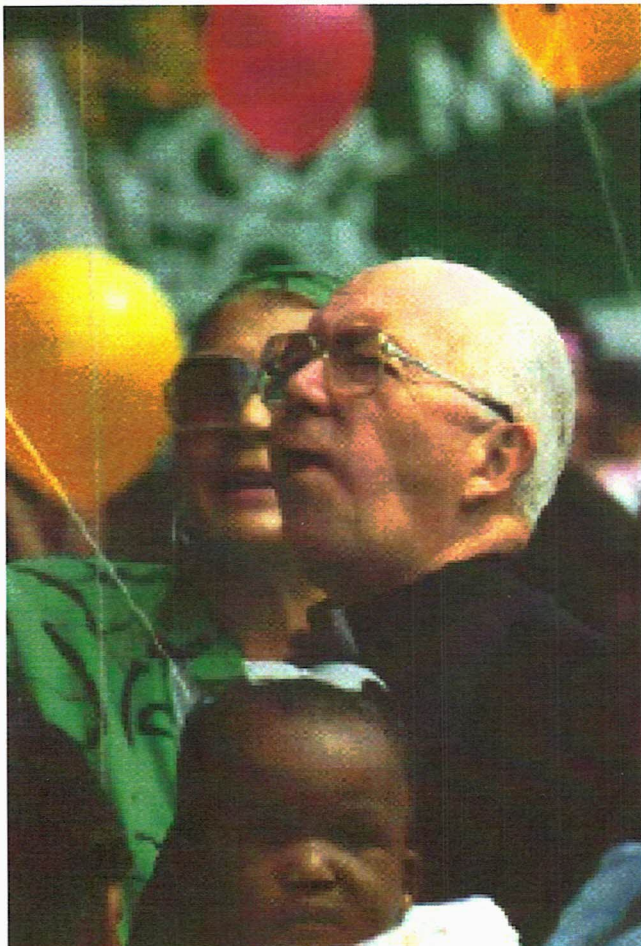


Chicago As A Mosaic

SPEAKER SERIES # 11: "TRANSFORMATIVE STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"



In its most simple definition, a mosaic is "a picture or other design constructed from smaller pieces." In addition to the subject and style of the design, it is the choice of materials and the skill in creating and placing the pieces that contribute to the personal, artistic and practical value of the mosaic. Using simple materials may create wonderful works of art. The Egan Office views Chicago As A Mosaic of communities and neighborhoods. In these neighborhoods that are pieced together with uneasy symmetry, there are stories and voices unheard, heroes and griots, movements, and recycled dreams.

Egan Office for Urban Education and Community Partnerships at the Steans Center is hosting conversations with community and movement builders, activists, and organizers in an effort to recognize the critical voices that give shape to the Chicago Mosaic.

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016 10:30 a.m.

Lunch Will be Provided!

Location: DePaul University

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Johnathan Peck is currently a Restorative Justice Coordinator with Chicago Public Schools and former president and CEO of the Tuscon Urban League. He has over 23 years of experience with community development: facilitating projects, coalitions, and alliances at the neighborhood, citywide, national, and international levels. Johnathan received his B.A. in African American Studies and Political Science from Earlham College. He has also worked as a community organizer and later as the Associate Director for the Southwest Youth Collaborative., a Chicago based organization dedicated to the development of low-income youth. Johnathan's work positively impacts the lives of children, youth, and families.

